IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Spplicant: JOHN POPE ET AL.

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DESORBING METHANE

FROM COAL FORMATIONS VIA PRESSURE WAVES OR

ACOUSTIC VIBRATIONS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the period to take action in the above-captioned application be extended by one (1) month pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

A check in the amount of \$55.00 is submitted herewith in payment of the required extension fee for a small entity applicant. This amount is believed to be correct. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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